



CALIFORNIA TELEHEALTH NETWORK

Press Release

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California Telehealth Network Reaches 100 Connected Sites

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SACRAMENTO, February 21, 2012 – The California Telehealth Network (CTN), today announced that its membership has reached the milestone of 100 sites with direct connections. California Telehealth Network is California's statewide partnership for telehealth utilizing broadband technology to expand access to health care with a focus on rural and medically underserved communities.

Initially funded by the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, over 800 health care providers around the state have qualified to participate in the program which provides medical grade broadband connections enabling patients to be seen by specialists using video consultations without leaving their local communities. The program also provides the ideal environment for the exchange of electronic health records, MRI's, x-rays and other patient information over a secure broadband network.

"The connection of our 100th site is tremendous," said CTN President and CEO, Eric Brown. "This momentum demonstrates how CTN is truly transforming the delivery of health care in California by enabling patients in rural and medically underserved areas increased access to care without leaving their local communities."

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About the California Telehealth Network

The CTN is a statewide broadband partnership for telehealth dedicated to health care. Initially funded through the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program – with the goal of significantly increasing access to acute, primary and preventive health care in rural and medically underserved areas of California – the FCC will provide CTN with up to \$22.1 million, the largest single state award of its kind with \$3.6 million in matching funds from the California Emerging Technology Fund. Additional funding has been provided from the California HealthCare Foundation, the California Teleconnect Fund, the National Coalition for Health Integration, the University of California and United Healthcare. For more information visit (www.caltelehelath.org).